## <u>Wyoming Department of Health, ARRA Impact – Veterans Health Administration – Grants for State</u> Extended Care (\$150 Million)

The Veterans' Home of Wyoming is a state veterans' home and is eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs, State Home Construction Grant Funding. The Department of Veterans Affiars (VA) provides financial assistance to State Homes, such as the Veterans Home of Wyoming, to construct or acquire nursing home, domicilairy and/or adult day health care facilities. The VA may contribute up to 65 percent of the cost of construction or acquisition of State nursing homes or domiciliaries or renovations to existing State homes.

Through the ARRA, VA's Grants for State Extended Care Program – State Home Construction Grant Program will provide immediate assistance to 23 states for 49 new construction and renovation projects which have been on the VA's approved but unfunded list. Total requests for funding under the State Home Construction Grant Program for states with approved funding is just short of \$500 million.

The Veterans' Home of Wyoming is not eligible for the \$150 million funding, due to not having any projects on the VA's current project list and therefore are not one of the 23 states selected for such funding. This funding will shorten the amount of time various states having submitted projects have to wait for the federal match.